

# SUMMER RESEARCH 2024/25

## PROJECT ABSTRACT



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WAIKATO**  
*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

### PROJECT # 46

<b>SUPERVISOR/S:</b>	Dr. Gloria Clarke
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	Desirable attributes of future medical school graduates
<b>FIELD:</b>	Māori and Pacific health
<b>DIVISION/SCHOOL:</b>	HECS - Te Huataki Waiora School of Health
<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b>	Rural Waikato community

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In an anticipation of a third medical school being established here at the University of Waikato, this summer research project will build on a previous study conducted by two Masters' students from Te Huataki Waiora Te Huataki Waiora School of Health (Galewski, 2022; Maikuku, 2022) - and a 2023 summer research project [HREC(Health)2023#53]. Respectively, these projects involved asking Māori and Pacific peoples living in Te Roohē Pootae and Ngāruawāhia about their healthcare experiences, needs, and aspirations, and the analyses of the qualitative and survey data identified three sets of desirable attributes for medical graduates. The intention is that the combined findings of these studies will inform the Graduate Medical School curriculum.

For this summer project, we are looking for a student who LIVES IN, COMES FROM, or has CLOSE CONNECTION TO a (different) rural or remote community in the Waikato region, to conduct a similar but shorter study.

#### References

Galewski, J. (2022). Rural and remote communities: Health needs and aspirations of Pacific peoples [unpublished thesis]. University of Waikato. <https://hdl.handle.net/10289/15720>

Maikuku, V. L. W. (2022). Desirable attributes for medical graduates: The health aspirations and needs of Māori living in Te Rohe Pootae [unpublished thesis]. University of Waikato. <https://hdl.handle.net/10289/15698>

#### STUDENT SKILLS:

- Commitment to Māori and or Pacific health and wellbeing
- Connection and commitment to their community
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Good academic writing and listening skills
- Commitment to and ability to attend regular supervision meetings
- Interest in research and the research process

#### PROJECT TASKS:

1. Become familiar with the previous studies
2. Collect survey data (in-person and or online)
3. Analyse data
4. Create a research poster
5. Report findings back to the community

#### EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Student's Research Poster (as per clause 6 of the [Scholarship regulations](#))
- Present back to the community and relevant funders

